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Agents Detect and Disrupt Smuggling Attempt
*CBP and ICE Agents Work Together from the Air and the Ground to Foil
Smuggling Attempt*

Corpus Christi, Texas –On Sunday night, Border Patrol agents of the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (CBP), acting on information from the Air and Marine Unit of the Bureau of Immigration and Border Enforcement (ICE), disrupted an airborne human smuggling attempt.

The Air and Marine Operations Center, based in Riverside, California, advised Border Patrol agents from the Corpus Christi Station of a possible smuggling attempt using a small passenger privately owned aircraft. Border Patrol agents and Corpus Christi Police Officers immediately responded and encountered a Cessna 310 airplane matching the description provided by ICE. Upon questioning the occupants of the plane, Border Patrol agents established that the four passengers were undocumented immigrants from Mexico. The agents arrested the pilot and the undocumented immigrants and remanded them to ICE for further investigation.

“This arrest is just another indication of the positive impact that the creation of the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection has had with agents and operations in the field,” said Corpus Christi Patrol Agent-in-Charge Felix Cantu Jr. “Although the different legacy agencies have worked well together in the past, the creation of the newly created Department of Homeland Security continues to promote increased effectiveness and efficiency amongst the core agencies. “

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